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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES ISLANDS' AGREEMENT - MILITARY ACCESS ISSUE

REF: A) STATE 53770, B) VICTORIA 184, C) STATE 51800

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL A, CHARGE MET WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER PUGH MARCH 6 TO REVIEW UK APPROACH TO GOS ON ISSUES OF MILITARY ACCESS UNDER ISLANDS' AGREEMENT. FOLLOWING TWO-WAY REVIEW OF STATE OF PLAY, PUGH SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH ME FURTHER AFTER RECEIPT OF REPLY FROM FCO TO HIS RECOMMENDATION ON TIMING AND LEVEL OF UK APPROACH.

2. ON MARCH 10, PUGH INFORMED ME HE HAD JUST RECEIVED MESSAGE THAT LONDON HAS DECIDED THAT PUGH SHOULD HOLD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON ISLANDS' AGREEMENT WITH SEYCHELLES FONMIN SINON AFTER MARCH 13-15 VISIT TO SEYCHELLES OF FCO PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE EVAN LUARD IS CONCLUDED. (SINON ONLY RETURNED TO SEYCHELLES MARCH 9 AFTER ATTENDING OAU TRIPOLI MEETING AND HOLDING TALKS IN EUROPE). ACCORDING PUGH, LUARD WILL BE BRIEFED TO RAISE ISSUE IN GENERAL TERMS WITH GOS OFFICIALS EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE UK ATTACHES TO EFFECTIVE WORKING OF AGREEMENT.

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